

REMARKS

The specification and claim 1 have been amended to remove an obvious typographical error. "A" being divalent as shown in the formula, it is clear to those skilled in the art that $\text{CH}(\text{COOH})$ and $\text{C}(\text{COOH})_2$ were intended rather than CH_2COOH and $\text{CH}(\text{COOH})_2$. It is known to those skilled in the art that carbon atom has 4 valencies. Claims 3-27, 37-38, and 53-55 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments. Applicants reserve the right to pursue any canceled subject matter in a continuation, continuation-in-part, divisional application, or other application. Cancellation of any subject matter should not be construed as abandonment of that subject matter.

A favorable decision is solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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